

Quick and Easy Activity Ideas Using your Garden

Dried Herbs

1. Harvest a bunch of herbs straight from the garden
2. Tie the bunches with some string
3. Hang upside down from a railing or string in a space with some air flow
4. Herbs are ready when completely dry
5. Store in an air-tight container

Herbalicious Tea Bags

1. Sew a small pouch from clean, un-dyed fabric using a needle and thread, or simply use a square of cheesecloth fabric
2. Place a small amount of the herbs (dried previously) into the pouch, or middle of the cheesecloth square
3. Gather pouch together with some string and tie in a knot
4. You have a tea bag!

Cloth Leaf Pounding (from Shelburne Farms, Project Seasons)

1. Each student will need a patch or square of cheesecloth, a hammer and something to lean on (e.g. piece of old cardboard).
2. Using garden weeds, off cuts or garden scraps, students can “pound” their greenery between a folded cheesecloth to create a symmetrical pattern!

Harvest Blanket

1. Using a table cloth, towel, or blanket, hide various garden produce items, tools or objects underneath.
2. Students need to sit around the blanket and use their sense of touch to guess what it is!

Garden Investigation & Mapping

1. Students can mark out their own small, square space using string and four pencils
2. Students can investigate this small part of the garden, making note of everything that happens inside that space, any insects that fly in or out, anything growing... This is great for creating pictures and poetry later!
3. Students can also create a grid within their square, to draw a to-scale map of their garden section.

Photography

1. Students can create their own scavenger hunt using close-up photography of leaves, seeds, roots, shoots and fruits!